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Employment, personal income and factory wages rose to all-time highs in December when there was a seasonal increase in unemployment, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment in the final month of 1988 was at a record 1,707,000, a monthly gain of 10,700 jobs and 30,400 above December 1987 (page 2). Manufacturing employment increased to a 10-month high of 381,200 which was one-half of a percent below a year earlier. The nonmanufacturing sector added 8,600 jobs from November and reached 1,325,800, up by 32,500 from the 1987 level. Seasonal factors were evident in a drop in construction while retail trade payrolls expanded by 8,400 jobs. Employment in communications and utilities was unchanged and there was a monthly gain in services. Compared with December 1987, employment expanded in 20 of 25 nonmanufacturing and eight of the 16 manufacturing categories. Fourteen labor markets recorded employment growth from November. The exception was the Lower River area where there was a decline of 50 jobs.

Average wages of factory production workers set a new record of $465.72 a week and $11.01 per hour (page 3) for a longer 42.3-hour week, up from $459.56 and $10.89 in November when the workweek was 42.2 hours. Weekly and hourly wages a year earlier were $456.04 and $10.68. December's straight-time earnings were $420 weekly and $10.50 an hour, up 3.3 percent from pay rates of $406.40 and $10.16 in 1987. Bristol area workers earned the highest weekly wage, $524.96, followed by Middletown, $505.08; New Britain, $501.84; Hartford, $500.95; Norwalk, $494.34 and New London/Norwich, $488.35 (page 6). Construction workers earned the highest weekly wage, then transportation equipment, machinery and chemicals.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 61,200 or 3.4 percent, adjusted to 3.5 percent under seasonal influences and holiday closings (page 4). In November it was 54,700 and 3 percent with a 3.2 percent seasonally adjusted rate. Both December rates remained well under comparable national figures of 5 percent and 5.3 seasonally adjusted. With the exception of New London/Norwich and Stamford where unemployment was unchanged, each labor market area had increases. The estimates include people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, those whose compensation expired or were ineligible, others entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to benefits during temporary shutdowns. Bridgeport had the highest December rate, 4.2 percent, and Stamford's 2.1 percent was the state's lowest.

Other Indicators: Among other economic indicators, personal income of state residents continued to increase and set a new preliminary record of $5-billion, 560-million. Seasonally adjusted manufacturing output also improved to a 1988 high.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Dec. 1988(P)	Nov. 1988(R)	Dec. 1987(R)	% Change Dec. '88 over Nov. '88	% Change Dec. '88 over Dec. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,707,000*	1,696,300*	1,676,600*	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Manufacturing.....	381,200*	379,100*	383,300*	+ 0.6	- 0.5
Durable.....	284,100*	282,800*	286,600*	+ 0.5	- 0.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,300	0.0	+ 1.4
Primary Metals.....	12,700	12,800	13,500	- 0.8	- 5.9
Fabricated Metals.....	42,800*	42,700*	43,300*	+ 0.2	- 1.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,300	48,000	47,100*	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Electrical Equipment....	51,300	51,600	50,500	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Transportation Equipment	84,700	83,300	86,800	+ 1.7	- 2.4
Instruments & Clocks....	23,400	23,300	24,200	+ 0.4	- 3.3
Other Durable.....	13,500	13,700	13,900	- 1.5	- 2.9
Nondurable.....	97,100	96,300	96,700	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Food.....	12,800	12,800	12,800	0.0	0.0
Textiles.....	3,400	3,300	3,900	+ 3.0	- 12.8
Apparel.....	6,700	6,700	7,300	0.0	- 8.2
Paper.....	9,700	9,600	9,400	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,800	27,400	27,400	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Chemicals.....	22,800	22,700	22,100	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,200	12,100	12,200	+ 0.8	0.0
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,600	0.0	+ 6.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,325,800	1,317,200*	1,293,300	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Construction & Mining....	80,700	82,200	81,100	- 1.8	- 0.5
Transportation.....	42,100	41,800	41,000	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,400	17,000	16,600	+ 2.4	+ 4.8
Other Transportation....	24,700	24,800	24,400	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Communications.....	19,700	19,700	19,700	0.0	0.0
Utilities.....	13,000	13,000	13,200	0.0	- 1.5
Trade.....	404,000	395,400	388,300	+ 2.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale.....	90,500	90,300	89,600	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Retail.....	313,500	305,100	298,700	+ 2.8	+ 5.0
General Merchandise....	42,000	39,100	40,500	+ 7.4	+ 3.7
Food Stores.....	54,100	52,800	51,000	+ 2.5	+ 6.1
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	34,000	33,800	32,800	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Restaurants.....	79,800	79,400	79,700	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade.....	103,600	100,000	94,700	+ 3.6	+ 9.4
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	151,600	151,500	150,400	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Banking.....	35,100	35,000	34,200	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	78,100	78,400	79,900	- 0.4	- 2.3
Real Estate.....	15,400	15,300	14,900	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Other Fin. Ins. & R.E...	23,000	22,800	21,400	+ 0.9	+ 7.5
Services.....	405,200	403,400*	391,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
Hotels.....	12,000	12,000	11,400	0.0	+ 5.3
Personal Services.....	20,100	19,900	18,900	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
Business Services.....	90,600	89,900	88,700	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Health Services.....	122,900	122,400	118,600	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Law & Professional.....	38,200	37,900	34,900	+ 0.8	+ 9.5
Educational Services....	35,600	35,400	33,800	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
Other Services.....	85,800	85,900*	85,500	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Government.....	209,500	210,200	207,800	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Federal.....	25,500	25,300	25,600	+ 0.8	- 0.4
State & Local.....	184,000	184,900	182,200	- 0.5	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (R) Revised (P) Preliminary
Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987(R)	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987(R)	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$465.72	$459.56	$456.04	42.3	42.2	42.7	$11.01	$10.89	$10.68
DURABLE MANUFACTURING	481.43	475.15	470.67	43.1	43.0	43.5	11.17	11.05	10.82
Lumber & Furniture	362.88	369.00	361.12	40.5	41.0	41.7	8.96	9.00	8.66
Primary Metals	495.22	480.41	508.40	45.6	44.4	46.9	10.86	10.82	10.84
Fabricated Metals	452.55	457.71	441.81	43.1	43.8	43.7	10.50	10.45	10.11
Machinery	535.80	526.68	490.84	45.6	44.9	44.3	11.75	11.73	11.08
Electrical Equipment	404.35	398.90	399.11	43.2	42.8	43.1	9.36	9.32	9.26
Transportation Equipment	552.78	541.10	546.96	41.5	41.4	42.4	13.32	13.07	12.90
Instruments and Clocks	459.83	471.84	442.35	44.6	45.5	45.0	10.31	10.37	9.83
Other Durable Mfg	389.46	388.65	402.14	40.4	40.4	42.6	9.64	9.62	9.44
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING	419.35	413.36	415.13	39.9	39.9	40.5	10.51	10.36	10.25
Food	379.46	374.22	397.41	38.8	38.9	39.0	9.78	9.62	10.19
Textiles	341.28	341.20	342.37	39.5	39.4	41.6	8.64	8.66	8.23
Apparel	254.45	258.48	234.43	37.2	37.9	35.9	6.84	6.82	6.53
Paper	502.85	492.47	499.82	43.2	42.2	43.2	11.64	11.67	11.57
Printing and Publishing	428.65	423.00	421.44	37.7	37.6	38.7	11.37	11.25	10.89
Chemicals	532.11	545.28	520.58	41.8	42.7	43.6	12.73	12.77	11.94
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	368.81	367.16	369.33	41.3	41.3	40.9	8.93	8.89	9.03
Other Nondurable Mfg	264.70	294.12	316.85	31.4	34.4	36.8	8.43	8.55	8.61
CONSTRUCTION	633.48	672.34	646.02	38.3	40.6	41.2	16.54	16.56	15.68

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Dec. Number	1988 Percent of Labor Force**	Nov. Number	1988 Percent of Labor Force**	Dec. Number	1987(R) Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	61,200	3.4	54,700	3.0	55,600	3.1
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.5)		(3.2)		(3.2)
Ct. Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,800	4.2	8,800	3.7	8,100	3.5
Bristol.....	1,600	4.1	1,300	3.4	1,500	3.9
Danbury.....	3,600	3.2	3,200	2.7	3,500	3.1
Danielson.....	1,900	5.6	1,500	4.4	1,500	4.3
Hartford.....	14,400	3.3	12,900	2.9	13,900	3.2
Middletown.....	1,900	3.5	1,500	2.9	1,500	2.8
Lower River.....	600	3.3	500	2.9	400	2.4
New Britain.....	2,800	3.7	2,400	3.2	2,600	3.5
New Haven.....	9,000	3.2	7,900	2.8	8,200	3.0
New London/Norwich*..	4,600	3.5	4,600	3.5	4,200	3.1
Norwalk.....	2,000	2.4	1,800	2.3	1,900	2.4
Stamford.....	2,500	2.1	2,500	2.1	2,500	2.1
Torrington.....	1,800	3.5	1,400	2.9	1,800	3.6
Waterbury.....	4,300	4.1	3,800	3.6	3,900	3.8
Willimantic.....	900	3.0	700	2.5	600	2.0
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,142,000	5.0	6,325,000	5.2	6,526,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.4)		(5.8)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87
1967=100.....	360.9	360.5	345.7
1982-84=100.....	120.5	120.3	115.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+4.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.
The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Dec.'88	Nov.'88	Dec.'87(R)	Percent Change to December 1988 from Nov.'88	Percent Change to December 1988 from Dec.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	205,770	204,250	202,290	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	56,930	56,920	58,590	+ 0.0	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	148,840	147,330	143,700	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,240	26,060	25,940	+ 0.7	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	7,490	7,420	7,670	+ 0.9	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	18,750	18,640	18,270	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,790	84,180	83,170	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	24,470	24,370	23,850	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	60,320	59,810	59,320	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,690	23,640	23,540*	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	8,780	8,770	9,150*	+ 0.1	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	14,910	14,870	14,390	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	498,320*	495,490*	487,540*	+ 0.6	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	93,890*	93,910*	93,780*	- 0.0	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	404,430	401,580*	393,760	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,120	47,920	47,220	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	9,720	9,640	9,870	+ 0.8	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	38,400	38,280	37,305	+ 0.3	+ 2.8
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,210	15,260	14,640	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	4,510	4,620	4,600	- 2.4	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,700	10,640	10,040	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	68,970	68,730	67,190	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	20,180	20,050	20,900	+ 0.6	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	48,790	48,680	46,290	+ 0.2	+ 5.4
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	263,510	262,400*	256,080	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	46,210	46,120	46,520	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	217,300	216,280*	209,560	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	120,260	119,350	120,050	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	32,210	31,600	34,120	+ 1.9	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	88,050	87,750	85,930	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,550	75,090	74,940	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	19,190	19,310	20,030	- 0.6	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	56,360	55,780	54,910	+ 1.0	+ 2.6
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	131,440	130,080	129,700	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	23,430	23,330	23,730	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	108,010	106,750	105,970	+ 1.2	+ 1.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Dec.'88	Nov.'88	Dec.'87(R)	Percent Change to December 1988 from: Nov.'88	Dec.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,830	34,650	33,460	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Manufacturing	8,000	7,930	7,920	+ 0.9	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	26,830	26,720	25,540	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	91,240	90,510	89,170	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	23,800	23,750	23,950	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	67,440	66,760	65,220	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,600	23,490	22,980	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	1,780	1,770	1,960	+ 0.6	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing	21,820	21,720	21,020	+ 0.5	+ 3.8

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
Bridgeport	$473.30	$471.92	$472.76	41.7	41.8	42.4	$11.35	$11.29	$11.15
Hartford	500.95	492.58	473.70	43.0	42.5	43.3	11.65	11.59	10.94
New Haven	438.68	434.66	420.04	42.1	42.2	40.9	10.42	10.30	10.27
Stamford	486.29	479.07	482.31	39.6	39.3	41.4	12.28	12.19	11.65
Waterbury	454.72	449.01	401.78	44.8	44.5	44.2	10.15	10.09	9.09

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
Bristol	$524.96	$536.07	$484.63	45.1	45.2	43.7	$11.64	$11.86	$11.09
Danbury	467.70	477.92	444.72	44.5	45.3	43.6	10.51	10.55	10.20
Danielson	394.40	391.84	374.66	40.0	39.5	40.2	9.86	9.92	9.32
Middletown	505.08	492.25	482.45	41.4	41.4	41.2	12.20	11.89	11.71
Lower River	410.73	400.00	377.01	42.3	40.9	42.6	9.71	9.78	8.85
New Britain	501.84	480.48	485.89	43.6	42.9	44.7	11.51	11.20	10.87
New London-Norwich**	488.35	518.67	473.75	40.9	42.1	40.7	11.94	12.32	11.64
Norwalk	494.34	488.84	464.18	42.8	44.4	43.3	11.55	11.01	10.72
Torrington	375.72	371.43	362.52	41.7	41.5	42.5	9.01	8.95	8.53
Willimantic	429.68	432.72	402.93	42.5	43.1	40.7	10.11	10.04	9.90

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Inc. Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971	3184	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5	1665.2	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4
Aug....	1656.4	1670.0	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5419.4
Sep....	1668.5	1665.2	1947	3218	2.9	3.1	5425.5
Oct....	1681.8	1671.8	2666	3858	3.0	3.3	5467.8
Nov....	1696.3(R)	1677.8(R)	2645	3194	3.0	3.2	5523.1(R)
Dec....	1707.0(P)	1681.8(P)	6312	3572	3.4	3.5	5560.7(P)

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....	10988	9758	42.0	42.1	128.1	124.4
Oct....	9232	9895	41.8	41.8	129.5	125.2
Nov....	12193	11690	42.2	41.8	135.4(R)	129.0(R)
Dec....	11393	11137	42.3	41.7	124.0	129.7

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary
* Series revised April, 1988
** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000

*Interest bearing r=revised

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,448,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (12/31/88)
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (12/31/88)
$311.5 million

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February 1989

Statewide employment and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped in January when personal income of residents set another record high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: An estimated 1,671,100 people were working in nonfarm jobs during January, down 38,100 from December's revised levels and 28,200 above January 1988 (page 2). Seasonal conditions and temporary layoffs were evident in construction (down 9.3%), with post-holiday cutbacks in trade (-4.6%), hotels (-3.1%) and educational services (-1.9%) which were all higher than 1988 levels. Manufacturing also dipped over the month by 800 and was nine-tenths of a percent below last year. Each labor market area recorded lower January employment which was higher in all markets than the same month in 1988 (pages 5 & 6).

Factory production workers had a slightly shorter workweek of 42.1 hours and their average earnings were down $2.62 to $463.10 at $11 an hour, off one-cent (page 3). Wages a year ago were $451.34 weekly and $10.67 per hour for a 42.3-hour week. Straight-time wages changed little between December and January at $10.52 an hour and $420.80 weekly, a 3.3 percent increase from 1988 figures of $10.18 hourly and $407.20 a week. Workers in the Stamford area earned the highest weekly wage among the six major labor market areas, $501.74, followed by New Britain, $499.41 and Hartford, $493.96 (page 6).

Unemployment: There were an estimated 61,800 (3.7%) people without employment in January, due mainly to temporary closings and post-holiday layoffs. This was up from 55,900 (3.3%) in December and 56,200 (3.4%) last year (page 4). The January seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 3.3 to 3.2 percent. Both rates continued well below the national experience which was 6 percent (actual) adjusted to 5.4. Fourteen labor market areas had higher monthly unemployment which dropped in Middletown. The estimates include people who are receiving unemployment benefits, others who are ineligible for compensation or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Preliminary estimates had personal income of state residents at an all-time monthly high of nearly $5-billion, 598-million and manufacturing output exceeding December and year-ago levels (page 7). Initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits also dropped over the month and from last year.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Jan. 1989(P)	Dec. 1988(R)	Jan. 1988(R)	% Change Jan. '89 over Dec. '88	% Change Jan. '89 over Jan. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,671,100*	1,709,200*	1,642,900*	- 2.2	+ 1.7
Manufacturing.....	375,900*	376,700*	379,400*	- 0.2	- 0.9
Durable.....	282,400*	282,600*	285,400*	- 0.1	- 1.1
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,100	7,200	7,200	- 1.4	- 1.4
Primary Metals.....	13,100	13,100	13,700	0.0	- 4.4
Fabricated Metals.....	42,700*	42,900*	43,100*	- 0.5	- 0.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,900	48,600	46,700*	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Electrical Equipment....	48,000	48,100	48,100	- 0.2	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	84,600	84,400	87,600	+ 0.2	- 3.4
Instruments & Clocks....	24,700	24,600	25,200	+ 0.4	- 2.0
Other Durable.....	13,300	13,700	13,800	- 2.9	- 3.6
Nondurable.....	93,500	94,100	94,000	- 0.6	- 0.5
Food.....	11,500	11,700	11,400	- 1.7	+ 0.9
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	4,000	0.0	- 17.5
Apparel.....	6,300	6,500	6,800	- 3.1	- 7.4
Paper.....	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	28,600	28,600	28,500	0.0	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	21,200	21,400	20,700	- 0.9	+ 2.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,500	11,500	11,600	0.0	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,500	0.0	+ 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,295,200	1,332,500*	1,263,500	- 2.8	+ 2.5
Construction & Mining....	72,100	79,500	73,300	- 9.3	- 1.6
Transportation.....	41,200	41,500	40,100	- 0.7	+ 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	17,000	16,600	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Other Transportation....	24,400	24,500	23,500	- 0.4	+ 3.8
Communications.....	18,800	19,000	18,800	- 1.1	0.0
Utilities.....	12,900	12,900	13,200	0.0	- 2.3
Trade.....	382,000	400,600	371,600	- 4.6	+ 2.8
Wholesale.....	88,500	89,900	87,100	- 1.6	+ 1.6
Retail.....	293,500	310,700	284,500	- 5.5	+ 3.2
General Merchandise....	38,900	42,600	38,400	- 8.7	+ 1.3
Food Stores.....	50,600	54,700	49,500	- 7.5	+ 2.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,600	32,200	0.0	+ 4.3
Restaurants.....	72,600	77,400	72,200	- 6.2	+ 0.6
Other Retail Trade.....	97,800	102,400	92,200	- 4.5	+ 6.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	153,900	154,200	151,900	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Banking.....	35,700	35,300	34,700	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
Insurance.....	79,200	79,400	80,800	- 0.3	- 2.0
Real Estate.....	16,000	17,000	14,900	- 5.9	+ 7.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	23,000	22,500	21,500	+ 2.2	+ 7.0
Services.....	406,400	412,300*	390,800	- 1.4	+ 4.0
Hotels.....	12,300	12,700	12,000	- 3.1	+ 2.5
Personal Services.....	20,200	20,100	19,000	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
Business Services.....	89,900	92,000	88,600	- 2.3	+ 1.5
Health Services.....	123,900	124,000	119,100	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Law & Professional.....	38,900	38,300	35,700	+ 1.6	+ 9.0
Educational Services....	36,100	36,800	34,300	- 1.9	+ 5.2
Other Services.....	85,100	88,400*	82,100	- 3.7	+ 3.7
Government.....	207,900	212,500	203,800	- 2.2	+ 2.0
Federal.....	25,800	25,700	25,000	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
State & Local.....	182,100	186,800	178,800	- 2.5	+ 1.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (R) Revised (P) Preliminary

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988(R)	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988(R)	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$463.10	$465.72	$451.34	42.1	42.3	42.3	$11.00	$11.01	$10.67
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	476.36	481.43	465.48	42.8	43.1	43.1	11.13	11.17	10.80
Lumber & Furniture.....	371.46	362.88	356.29	41.0	40.5	41.0	9.06	8.96	8.69
Primary Metals.....	498.34	495.22	499.26	46.4	45.6	46.4	10.74	10.86	10.76
Fabricated Metals.....	451.10	452.55	435.60	43.5	43.1	43.3	10.37	10.50	10.06
Machinery.....	527.22	535.80	502.12	45.1	45.6	45.4	11.69	11.75	11.06
Electrical Equipment.....	388.32	404.35	382.81	41.8	43.2	41.7	9.29	9.36	9.18
Transportation Equipment.....	544.75	552.78	538.44	41.3	41.5	42.0	13.19	13.32	12.82
Instruments and Clocks.....	461.65	459.83	435.91	43.8	44.6	44.3	10.54	10.31	9.84
Other Durable Mfg.....	378.54	389.46	408.96	40.1	40.4	42.6	9.44	9.64	9.60
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	420.29	419.35	412.85	39.8	39.9	40.2	10.56	10.51	10.27
Food.....	391.63	379.46	390.48	39.8	38.8	38.7	9.84	9.78	10.09
Textiles.....	345.84	341.28	341.47	39.3	39.5	40.7	8.80	8.64	8.39
Apparel.....	263.78	254.45	242.80	37.9	37.2	36.9	6.96	6.84	6.58
Paper.....	486.45	502.85	482.27	42.3	43.2	41.9	11.50	11.64	11.51
Printing and Publishing.....	412.85	428.65	401.02	36.6	37.7	37.2	11.28	11.37	10.78
Chemicals.....	544.35	532.11	547.01	42.1	41.8	44.8	12.93	12.73	12.21
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	369.93	368.81	371.78	41.8	41.3	40.9	8.85	8.93	9.09
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	268.77	264.70	295.24	31.0	31.4	35.4	8.67	8.43	8.34
CONSTRUCTION.....	648.52	633.48	620.94	39.4	38.3	39.5	16.46	16.54	15.72

(R) Revised